

### **REMARKS**

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Advisory Action mailed December 18, 2007 and the Office Action mailed October 12, 2007. The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance by accepting the allowed independent claims and cancelling the non-allowed independent claims. These amendments have been made to facilitate prosecution and Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecution of the cancelled claims at a later date.

Applicant has amended claims 2 and 9-10, cancelled claims 3-5, 17 and 19 and added new claims 21-22. However, by way of this amendment, no new matter has been added. Claims 1, 6-7, 11-14, and 16 were previously cancelled, and claims 15, 18 and 20 were previously allowed. Accordingly, claims 2, 9-10 and 21-22 remain pending in this application.

More specifically, claim 17 has been rewritten in dependent form as new claim 21. Claim 19 has been rewritten in dependent form as new claim 22. New claims 21 and 22 each depend from allowed claim 18 and therefore are patentable at least by being dependent on allowable independent claim 18. Claims 2 and 9-10 have been amended to depend from one of allowed claims 18 and 20. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, the pending application is in condition for allowance. If, however, there are any outstanding issues that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is earnestly encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative.

It is believed that no fee is due with this response. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper that are not identified in any accompanying transmittal, permission is given to charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 66774-0005 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made, the fee for which should also be charged to this Deposit Account.

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